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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY - DECEMBER 16

1. SUMMARY:

--PRESS ANNOUNCES MEETING OF EAST EUROPEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS WITHOUT DETAIL;
--THE U.S. IS PORTRAYED NEGATIVELY IN ARTICLES ON THE NEW PACIFIC DOCTRINE (SEPTEL), ON THE CIVIL RIGHTS STRUGGLE BY BLACKS, ON AMERICAN REACTION TO STORIES OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA, ON FORMER SECDEF SCHLESINGER'S COMMENTS ON THE SOVIET "THREAT" TO WESTERN EUROPE, AND IN CARTOONS. ONE POSITIVE NOTE IS A REPORT ON ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMEN FAVORING THE NORMALIZATION OF TRADE WITH THE USSR;
--A PRAVDA COMMENTARY BY V. LEVONOV DISCUSSES THE SOVIET DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS IN THE UN AS "IMPORTANT INITIATIVES" (SEPTEL);
--ON EUROPEAN SECURITY, AN IZVESTIYA COMMENTARY CALLS FOR EXTENDING POLITICAL DETENTE TO THE MILITARY AREA BUT CHARGES WESTERN "CIRCLES" WITH DEMANDING ONE-SIDED SOVIET "PAYMENT" FOR DETENTE;
--FAIRLY FULL COVERAGE OF YUGOSLAV PRESIDENT TITO'S SPEECH TO THE PARTY STRESSES DESIRABILITY OF EAST-WEST BALANCE IN YUGOSLAV FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS;
--MIDDLE EAST COVERAGE IS LIGHT, BUT REPORTING OF THE SYRIAN-JORDAN COMMUNIQUE SAYS THAT THE TWO AGREED ON THE PLO AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIANS;
--A COMMENTARY ON BANGLADESH IS CAUTIOUSLY HOPEFUL ON DOMESTIC STABILITY AND POSITIVE FOREIGN RELATIONS;
--A BRIEF ITEM REPORTS THAT MONGOLIA EXPELLED A PRC CITIZEN
--THE SOVIET DELEGATION TO THE CUBAN PARTY CONGRESS ARRIVED IN HAVANA. END SUMMARY.

2. U.S. THE HIGH VOLUME OF NEGATIVE ARTICLES ON THE U.S. CONTINUES WITH PRAVDA'S MAIN INTERNATIONAL ITEM REPORTING THE CONCLUSION OF A CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON OF A THOUSAND BLACK LEADERS. THE REPORT, A TASS ITEM FROM WASHINGTON, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARTICULARLY NOTED THE CONFERENCE'S OBJECTION TO CIA AND FBI ACTIVITIES AGAINST CIVIL RIGHTS FIGURES INCLUDING MARTIN LUTHER KING. ANOTHER TASS ITEM REPLAYS CHARGES THAT THE EVIDENCE ON THE KING KILLING WAS CONTRADICTORY AND QUOTES HAROLD WEISBERG THAT "RAY DID NOT KILL KING, AND THE U.S. AUTHORITIES KNOW THAT PERFECTLY WELL." PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS ITEM REPORTING EXTENSIVELY ON COMMENTS BY U.S. CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS AND THE PRESS OPPOSING U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA. THE ITEM CITES

STATEMENTS BY SENATORS CLARK, MANSFIELD AND CHURCH, CONGRESSMEN O'NEILL AND BONKER, THE WASHINGTON POST, THE NEW REPUBLIC AND THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR. ALL CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES A SHORT TASS ITEM FROM PARIS ON FORMER SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S INTERVIEW IN A FRENCH MAGAZINE ALLEGING THAT THE SOVIETS SEEK TO "DISMEMBER WESTERN EUROPE AND TO EXTEND THEIR HEGEMONISM FROM BREST (USSR) TO BREST (FRANCE)." TASS LAMENTS THAT THIS "OLD SONG" AGAINST DETENTE CAN HARDLY BE CONSIDERED NEWS. PRAVDA'S CARTOON SHOWS "NATO" AND OTHERS TRYING TO SHIELD "COLD WAR" FROM THE RISING SUN OF "DETENTE," WHILE IZVESTIYA HAS ONE SHOWING A FLYING CIA MONSTER CARRYING WEAPONS AND SHACKLES OVER THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA. THE ONLY POSITIVE ITEM IS A TASS ITEM IN KRASNAYA ZVEZDA REPORTING STATEMENTS BY SECRETARIES SIMON AND MORTON, DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL AND EX-IM BANK PRESIDENT CASEY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE FAVORING THE NORMILIZATION OF TRADE WITH THE USSR AND THE REMOVAL OF DISCRIMINATORY BARRIERS.

3. EUROPEAN SECURITY. AN IZVESTIYA COMMENTARY BY A. CHUBARYAN DISCUSSES THE PROCESS OF CONFLICT AND RESOLUTION IN EUROPE IN THIS CENTURY, BUILDING TOWARD THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE CSCE. FOLLOWING THAT EVENT, HE SAYS, THE MAIN NEED IS TO EXTEND DETENTE TO THE MILITARY FIELD, SPECIFICALLY BY REDUCING TROOPS IN CENTRAL EUROPE. HOWEVER, "INFLUENTIAL CIRCLES IN THE WEST", ARE SEEKING TO PREVENT THIS, HE SAYS, BY DEMANDING CONCESSIONS BECAUSE OF THE USSR'S "SUPPOSED ONE-SIDED ADVANTAGES FROM DETENTE." THE "NATO GENERALS" IN THEIR DECEMBER MEETING AGAIN SPOKE OF THE "SOVIET THREAT" TO EUROPE, WHILE OTHERS DEMAND THAT MOSCOW CEASE THE IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE AND SUPPORT FOR REVOLUTIONARY CAUSES AS "PAYMENT" FOR HELSINKI, AND THE "MAOIST LEADERS" AID THESE OPPONENTS OF DETENTE. BUT THE TREND TOWARD DETENTE IS THE "DOMINATING FACTOR OF WORLD DEVELOPMENT," SAYS IZVESTIYA, AND CONCLUDES THAT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"PEOPLE OF EUROPE" BELIEVE THAT "PEACE, SECURITY AND COOPERATION" WILL BECOME PERMANENT FACTORS. PRAVDA REPORTS CANADIAN FOREIGN MINISTER A. MACEACHEN'S STATEMENT ENDORSING THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT AND HIS PLEDGE THAT THE TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT WILL SEEK TO FULFILL THE CSCE PRINCIPLES.

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4. YUGOSLAVIA. PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA REPORT TITO'S SPEECH
ON ECONOMIC QUESTIONS TO THE LCY. THE ARTICLE QUOTES TITO
ON THE LEADERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMMUNISTS FOR
THE YUGOSLAV ECONOMY. ON TRADE, TITO IS CITED AS OPPOSING

OVER-DEPENDENCE ON DEALINGS WITH THE WEST AND ADVOCATING "BALANCED" EXCHANGES WITH BOTH EAST AND WEST. HE ALSO REPORTEDLY CALLED FOR AN INCREASE IN TRADE WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND SAID THAT "RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHERS SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ARE DEVELOPING WELL."

5. MIDDLE EAST. PRAVDA AND THE MORNING RADIO NEWS REPORTED CONTINUED BLOODSHED IN LEBANON. IN OTHER COVERAGE, PRAVDA CARRIES A TAS REPORT ON THE SYRIAN-JORDAN COMMUNIQUE (THREE DAYS LATE) WHICH REPEATS THAT DOCUMENTS'S CRITICISM OF SINAI II FOR DIVIDING THE ARABS AND ITS IMPLIED CALL FOR AN ARAB SUMMIT. THE TASS ITEM STATES THAT "BOTH SIDES STRESSED THAT THE PLO IS THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE." COMMENT. THE ARTICLE DOES NOT COMMENT ON THE DOCUMENT, BUT CLEARLY IMPLIES APPROVAL OF THE PORTIONS CITED, INCLUDING THE INDICATION THAT JORDAN GOES ALONG WITH THE PLO FORMULATION.

6. BANGLADESH. IN THE FIRST SOVIET PRESS COMMENTARY ON BANGLADESH IN RECENT WEEKS, PRAVDA CARRIES A NOTABLY MILD ITEM CALLED "BANGLADESH: TIME OF TRIAL," PEGGED TO THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUNTRY' INDEPENDENCE. THE ITEM, BY NOVOSTY POLITICAL OBSERVER SPARKTAK BELGOV, WAS A TYPICAL SOVIET ANNIVERSARY PIECE, CONGRATULATING THE BENGALESE ON THEIR SUCCESSFUL LIBERATION STRUGGLE WHICH (LEST ANYONE FORGET) MOSCOW FULLY SUPPORTED. THE ARTICLE RECOUNTS SOVIET AID BUT NOTES BANGLADESH'S GREAT ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES AND SAYS THAT NATIONAL UNITY WAS THREATENED BY FANATICS AND EXTREMISTS WHO "DID NOT RESIST SUPPORT FROM ABROAD." THE BENGALESE PEOPLES' "TRUE FRIENDS," HOWEVER, HOPE THAT THEY WILL EMERGE FROM THEIR CURRENT TRIALS WITH UNIFIED RANKS AND WILL RESIST "REACTIONARIES" AND FALSE FRIENDS. THE SOVIETS, IT CONCLUDES, WISH THE BENGALEES SUCCESS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO BUILD A NEW LIFE OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SUCH ANNIVERSARY ARTICLES ARE NORMALLY VAGUE AND POLITE, THIS ONE IS NOTABLE FOR BARELY TOUCHING ON THE EVENTS SINCE EARLY NOVEMBER. IT MAY WELL REFLECT SOVIET HOPES THAT THE WORST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IS PAST, AT LEAST FOR NOW, AND THAT THE PRESENT COURSE IS ONE WHICH MOSCOW CAN ACCEPT AND PERHAPS EVEN SUPPORT. END COMMENT.

7. MONGOLIA-CHINA: PRAVDA CARRIES A BRIEF ITEM FROM ULAN BATOR REPORTING THAT A PRC CITIZEN, CHEN MAO-YI (PHONETIC), HAD BEEN EXPELLED FROM THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC. ACCORDING TO THE ITEM, CHEN WORKED FOR THE COUNCIL OF CHINESE CITIZENS AND CARRIED OUT "CRIMES AGAINST THE MPR." COMMENT: NO OTHER DETAILS WERE PROVIDED, BUT AS USUAL WITH SUCH CRYPTIC ITEMS, IT IMPLIES THAT WHATEVER CHEN DID WAS BOTH SERIOUS AND SIGNIFICANT. END COMMENT.

8. CUBA. CENTRAL MEDIA ALL REPORT THE DEPARTURE FROM MOSCOW AND ARRIVAL IN HAVANA OF THE SOVIET PARTY DELEGATION HEADED BY SUSLOV TO THE CUBAN FIRST PARTY CONGRESS. PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA ALSO CARRY FURTHER SOBER PIECES ON THE BUILD-UP DESCRIBING THE EXCITEMENT AND ENTHUSIASM OF THE CUBAN PEOPLE'S ANTICIPATION OF THE CONGRESS.
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